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Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am 1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen
<b>DAILY</b>	
Mon-Fri	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday	8:00am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm</b>

**MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES**

<b>WEEKEND</b>	
Saturday	7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am at Christ the King 7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
<b>DAILY</b>	
Tuesday	7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
Wednesday	4:00 pm at Christ the King 4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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# PARISH LIFE

APRIL 14, 2024 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.

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**BAPTISM:** We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

**SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

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## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

## LIVESTREAMING

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# STEWARDSHIP

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many: How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?

## STEWARD OF THE WEEK

**Paul Mernaugh**

The Music Ministry would like to thank Paul for spending many, many hours of his time helping to make new passion reading scripts and slides for our Holy Week services.

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

## New Parishioners:

Brian, Sadie, Charlie, Annie & Lucy Fitzpatrick

Thomas & Patricia Savino

Isabelo, Antonia & Eva Cabato

## Baptisms:

Idania Beatrice Pola Ortiz

In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.



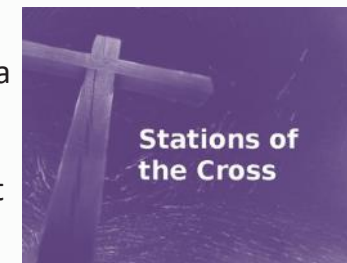
## PRAYER GARDEN SPONSORS NEEDED

About half of the fourteen Stations of the Cross in our fast developing prayer garden, are already sponsored.

If your family would like to sponsor a station or "in memory" of someone, please call Father Pat or Katherine in the office.

The cost is \$10,800. It can be paid 1/3 down and 1/3 in six months and 1/3 in a year.

Thanks—Father Pat



## Parish Mission Pentecost Breakfast

*Last October we began the 100 days prayer that anticipated the coming of the Dominican Parish Mission; right now we are offering 100 days prayer of thanks for the mission which will conclude on Pentecost weekend, May 18-19th.*



To both celebrate the many graces the mission brought to Blessed Trinity and to look ahead, **all** parishioners are invited to a breakfast gathering in the King of Kings building after the 8.00 a.m. morning mass on May 18. Following breakfast we will form discussion groups. The gathering will end by 11.00 a.m. If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP to [bmeehan@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:bmeehan@blessedtrinity.org).

## Our Catholic Appeal



Thanks to all of you who have made a response to Our Catholic Appeal—623 families.

To date we have pledges or donations in the amount of \$305,843.80.

Your response enables the Catholic church to successfully go about fulfilling its mission in the Diocese of Orlando which includes Blessed Trinity parish.

Two thirds of what we receive, over and above our assessment (\$241,454.14) stays in our parish to help us with our ministries.

If you have not yet responded, consult with the Lord for His advice. He will give you a good clear answer and it will be for the good of your own spiritual journey.

OCA pledge envelopes are available in the stewardship room or vestibule.

Hello, my name is Toby O'Brien. I am a senior at TC. Last summer, my brother Joshua, who is now a freshman at TC, and I traveled to Uganda with Fr. Pat and a group of other BT parishioners. There we spent time at the Ugandan High School, helped at a clinic, and worked at an orphanage. This summer we are hoping to return. This weekend, April 13/14, we are speaking at all the Masses to fundraise for our trip. We are asking that you please support as much as you can and pray for our safe trip.



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## Eucharistic Ministers

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If you are interested or have any questions, please call Dee McNeal at 352.390.0091 or 352.817.0837.



## Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 and 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, April 14.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, three different juices, French toast, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

## BLESSED TRINITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us and learn some gardening tips from a "Master Gardener"

General Meeting – April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
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Register on the Blessed Trinity website, <https://blessedtrinity.org/sacraments/>

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will not be until October 5, 2024.

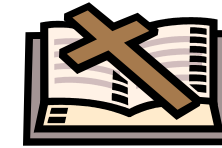


## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 4:8-12

Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18



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### Find your Volunteer Opportunity!

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**April 13 / 14:** In memory of Father Mike

**April 20 / 21:** In memory of Kathryn Namiotka from Jan & Joe

**April 27 / 28:**

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**Sunday, April 14th—**

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	5:30pm	Alan Fuller †
Tuesday, April 16	7:10am	A Ilan Goodwin †
	5:30pm	Savannah Oliver (L)
Wed, April 17	7:10am	Father Michael O'Keeffe †
	8:15am	Denise Morales †
	5:30pm	Rudy Blanchette †
Thursday, April 18	7:10am	Souls in Purgatory
	5:30pm	Gwen Higgins †
Friday, April 19	7:10am	Helen & Fred Wisneski †
	5:30pm	Sergio Quiroz †
Saturday, April 20	8:00am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	4:00pm	Jennifer Workman †
	6:00pm	Joseph DeMartino †
Sunday, April 21	7:10am	Andrew & Rita Marinak †
	8:45am	Michelle Carney †
	11:00am	JD & Darleth Raftis †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Jim & Nancy Scanlon †

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**The Lord looks forward to your visit!**

Please see the list of hours, which is in the vestibule, on the counter near the staircase, that need one more adorer.

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.

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~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Weekly Offering	April 7, 2024		
Envelope Total:	481	\$ 25,183.60	Year to date collection: \$ 3,123,943.86
Electronic Offering Total:	467	\$ 53,668.83	Year to date budget: \$ 3,807,726.00
Total Children's Offering:		\$ 119.00	Year to date deficit: <b>(\$683,782.14)</b>
Non Sunday:	78	\$ 10,508.00	
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 89,479.43</b>	
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## 2024 Earth Day Theme—Planet vs. Plastics

Plastic is choking the earth. The reason, partly, is that we are not doing a very good job of recycling plastic containers. Less than 14% of plastic packaging is recycled. Earth Day 2024 will be celebrated on Monday, April 22. This year's theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." One way we can invest in our planet is by recycling plastic.



In his ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato Si* ("Praise be to You"), Pope Francis urged humankind to exercise better stewardship of the earth. Subtitled "On Care of Our Common Home," the pontiff's letter called for a radical "ecological conversion" on the part of people the world over, and especially disciples of Jesus Christ, to honor and save our earth from degradation. One way we can be better stewards of the earth is to fight plastic pollution.

Cheap, capable of being made into any conceivable shape, strong and durable, plastic is the wonder product of the modern world. However, the victim of this technological success appears to be much of life on earth. Almost 80% of the plastic produced since the 1950's has been thrown away, either into landfill sites or into the general environment.

Ending plastic pollution was the focus of Earth Day 2018, the annual event celebrated on April 22 world-wide to raise awareness of ecological dangers and demonstrate support for protection of the global environment. But the call to end plastic pollution does not seem to have been heeded.

Items like plastic packaging, bags and bottles are thrown away every day, and end up in trash sites as well as in forests, creeks, rivers, seas, and oceans around the world. While some of these items are recycled, the growth of plastic consumption and its improper disposal currently outpace efforts to recycle and produce post-consumer plastic materials.

But plastic is more than just litter. A petroleum product, plastic is non-biodegradable. And in reality, most plastic does not ever disappear, but becomes long-lasting "plastic dust." When items like plastic bags break down, they readily soak up (and release) toxins that then contaminate soil and water, as well as harming animals that ingest plastic fragments. The increasing presence of plastic in our oceans poisons and ensnares marine life. Check your refrigerator. How much stuff in there is stored in plastic? Hazardous chemicals, some of which can disrupt human hormones, leach from some plastics that are used for food and beverage storage.

Plastic is the basic material of our consumer world. Without it we wouldn't enjoy the same standard of living or convenience. But if we take the Holy Father's urgent pleas seriously, we should take seriously the issue of plastic contaminating and damaging our environment. For Christian stewards, it is a moral responsibility to confront this pollution. And become better stewards of the earth.

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